First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti, MI

"Follow Me"

https://www.pinterest.com/gwenboone/spiritual-healing/

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here.

October 4, 2015 10:00 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP & LIFE TOGETHER: We invite you to participate in this community of faith. If you are a visitor for the first time, please fill out the welcome pad being passed around. We invite you to join us for Friendship Time (refreshments and conversation) at the conclusion of worship.

WE WELCOME CHILDREN so that they may come to understand the worship experience. Families are encouraged to talk about the parts of worship so children may understand and participate. During the worship service we have a time for children with the minister on the rug in the center of the worship space followed by Sunday school (September-May).

Hymns are found in the following books:
NCH *(Black, hardcover "New Century Hymnal")*
Sing! *(Black, softcover, "Sing! Prayer and Praise" songbook)*
ES *(Green, softcover "Everflowing Streams" songbook)*

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

Invitation

All people are welcome to participate in this community of faith
If you have questions about becoming a member of this church, please speak with the Pastor or any member of the Community.

Prelude Steve McGhee

***Gathering Hymn** **"There's a Spirit of Love in This Place"** **33 SING** - Steve McGhee

Welcome Kelsie Molter

Guests, please complete a Visitor Card and place in the offering plate so we may have a record of your visit.
We hope you will join us for Friendship Time and refreshments after the service.

Thank you for worshiping with us today!

Please rise in body or spirit as you are able

Announcements Kelsie Molter

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Ringing the Bell

***Anthem** **"Come To The Table of The Lord"** FCC Choir

Call to Worship (Unison) Kelsie Molter

At our best we seek to be upright and blameless, people of integrity who live with unwavering trust in God. We aspire to live as brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, faithful and responsive to our Creator. But, in truth, we forget God in our hectic and busy schedules. Help us to welcome your love and share your hope for all humanity. Amen. – Adapted From "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

LISTENING FOR GOD

Old Testament **Psalms 8** Kelsie Molter

Hymn **"Jesus, Jesus, Oh, What a Wonderful Child"** **136 NCH**

Children's Time *children are invited to come forward*

New Testament **Hebrews 2:5-3:14** Carol Hall

Sermon **"Seeking Heroes"** Carol Hall

***Hymn** **"Somos pueblo que camina"** **340 NCH**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

Prayers of the People Carol Hall

All are invited to offer a prayer, testimony, praise report or prayer request at this time. Please limit your sharing to one or two sentences and remember confidentiality issues.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Unison) -- Traditional Version Carol Hall

When we say the Lord's Prayer, please feel free to follow the traditional form or use language that feels comfortable to you, e.g. Mother, Creator, God, Friend, or Realm, Kindom, Wisdom.

Offering this prayer in unison brings us together and the words illustrate our common journey

Our Father, our Mother who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO OUR CALLING

Invitation to the Offering (Unison) Carol Hall

Look around you with a sense of awe and wonder. Even in the most difficult circumstances of life, we can find beauty and integrity and places where God's abiding glory is evident. Let us give thanks for God's imprint on our lives, for the sustaining word that gives purpose to our days, and for the ministries in which we are engaged together, as we present our offering. Amen.

– Adapted from "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

Offertory Steve McGhee

***Doxology** **"Take My Gifts"** **562 NCH**

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter, Gave me life and set me free,
Now because your love has touched me, I have love to give away,
Now the bread of love is rising, Loaves of love to multiply!

Prayer of Dedication** ***(Unison) Kelsie Molter

We share the fruits of our labors. Speak through our gifts as we dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation. We thank you for blessing us so we might bring the Good News in the form of support for our ministries. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

– Adapted from "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler

COMMUNING WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

***Hymn of Blessing** **"Metta Prayer"** **330 NCH**

Communion Service Carol Hall

Communion will be served by intinction in our chairs.
All are Welcome at the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving Carol Hall

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

***Hymn of Departure** **"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"** **594 NCH**

***Benediction** Carol Hall

One: For this short time we have been together in the arms of God.
Hands of blessing have rested lightly on our heads.

Many: Christ has welcomed us as sisters and brothers.
We are united in love, love that lasts for eternity.
God's imprint shows in our love and our lives.
It is a privilege to reflect God's glory each day!
Amen and Amen. **– Adapted From "Led by Love", Lavon Bayler**

Postlude Steve McGhee

(Please be seated for the Postlude)

Passing the Peace *Share a greeting with your neighbor as we transition to our snack.*

First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413
218 North Adams Street
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198
734-482-6980
website: www.ypsiucc.com

~~~~~~

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our Volunteers	Today: Oct 4th	Next Sunday: Oct 11th
Usher	Marty Kleino	Wayne Burling
Preaching	Carol Hall	Carol Hall
Worship Leader	Kelsie Molter	Tad Wysor
Worship Set-up	Donna Eyster	Margaret Harner
Acolyte	Lyle Molter	Kelsie Molter
Friendship Time	Patty Sherwood	Margaret Harner

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Our next Council meeting will be held October 5th at 4:30 pm. All are welcome.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: Choir rehearsal are Tuesdays at 6:00 PM Come, join the fun and try it out. We have a great time. Don't need to read music or have trained voice.

IMPORTANT WICIR EVENT: The Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights (WICIR) invites everyone to the next urgent response and volunteer opportunities training on **Saturday, Oct. 17, 10:00-2:00, here at the church.** It is an excellent opportunity to learn more about the work of WICIR, connect with others that keep this ministry going, and ways (large & small) that you might get involved. **All are welcome.** For more information talk to Margaret 734-417-6532, Melanie 734-730-3699 or Barb 734-861-0455.

PASTORAL CARE EMERGENCIES: If you have a pastoral emergency, please contact Glenda Horvath, 734-904-0420

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Kindly remember in your prayers our members and friends who are sick and/or shut-in. Send a card or note to lift their spirits and yours as well.

Fran Pebbles' address: *American Homes Carpenter, 3470 Carpenter Rd., Apt 332, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Phone: 734-975-0987*

Sally Dusbiber's *address'*: *Silver Maples of Chelsea, Room 1211, 100 Silver Maples Dr., Chelsea, MI 48118. Sally's direct phone line is 734-433-2396 and the Silver Maples line is 734-475-4111, x217.*

NEW ADDRESS: Lorraine Sayles' new address; 2139 Georgetown Blvd., Ann Arbor, 48105. Her phone number is now the same as always (734) 483-3849.
~~~~~~

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY (WICIR): For information about what's happening with Immigrant Rights and ***Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights*,** or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Margaret Harner at 734-483-3464 or through their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/WICIR .

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION: For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition,** or if you are interested in joining us, please contact Wayne Burling at 734-377-0696. More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/onami/

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION: "First Congregational is a co-founding institution of the new local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition).** In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. The diverse faith congregations and labor and community organizations that make up WeROC are, at our core, focused on intentionally reweaving the frayed fabric of community -- at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated and on our own. We are showing by example that people from many backgrounds and perspectives can, even today, come together in powerful ways around our common values and *actually change* unjust public policies. WeROC is a part of the S.E. Michigan organization MOSES and the national Gamaliel Foundation.
See Tad Wysor (tadwysor@gmail.com, 734 883 3225) for more on how First Congregational is connecting with current WeROC issues and actions.

OUR WEBSITE: http://www.ypsiucc.org Let Wayne know if you have any additional items to be added. He could use lots more pictures. Also check out and like our Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Congregational-United-Church-of-Christ-Ypsilanti/115695119913 .

KROGER FUNDRAISER: HAVE YOU *RE-REGISTERED* WITH KROGER!! Everybody that shops at Kroger and has a shopper's card ***MUST*** register. ***Last Year's registration expires May 1st*** and you are not getting credit for you purchases until you re-register for the current year.
Go to www.kroger.com and click "**REGISTER**". Follow prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83263**, or you can find our name in drop down list. Any questions contact Barbara Garland, bargarland@yahoo.com, 734-662-5803.

About this week's cover photo: https://www.pinterest.com/gwenboone/spiritual-healing/

What Is Pinterest? A Database of Intentions

Evan Sharp, one of the co-founders of Pinterest, delves into what the wildly popular image-collecting site is really about, and what it's likely to do in the future.
In 2012, Pinterest broke out to become a wildly popular site and app for collecting media across the Internet. People pin photos into collections called boards, which serve as big catalogs of objects. Pinterest, in effect, decomposes web pages into the objects that are embedded in them.
For users, it's a way to think about and plan the future, or to show off one's taste for free. And that's where most people stop thinking about Pinterest. It seems like a shopping site minus the exchange of money part.
But it's on the backend where things really get interesting. Think about what Pinterest is collecting: it's a database of intentions, as I put it for an essay on Fresh Air this week.*
Read More Here: http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2014/07/what-is-pinterest-a-database-of-intentions/375365/